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20	Nagaland	Not reported
21	Orissa	The Govt. has allowed to FPS owners to sale non-PDS commodities in FPS. FPS have been allowed to operate Public Telephone Booth
22	Punjab	Not reported
23	Rajasthan	Iodized Salt
24	Sikkim	FPSs in the State are permitted to sell all consumer items, however, no subsidy is provided to the additional items/ commodities sold by them.
25	Tamil Nadu	Toor Dhal, Oral Dhal, Palm Oil, Rava, Maida Atta (wheat is converted into whole meal atta), Iodized Salt in I(one) kg poly packet
27	Uttaranchal	Not reported
28	Uttar Pradesh	Soap, Toothpaste, Oil, Pulses, Iodized Salt, Tea, ORS Tablet, Condom & Sanitary napkins
29	West Bengal	a) Mustard Oil, Iodized Salt
30	A & N Islands	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS.
31	Chandigarh	FPS are granted to the karyana merchants who apart from distributing the Essential commodities under TPDS to BPL & AAY are also retailing grocery items and other items of daily use like Toothpaste, soaps, detergent powder, tea, salt, match boxes etc.
32	D & N Haveli	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS.
33	Daman & Diu	Not reported
34	Lakshadweep	Not reported
35	Pondicherry	Toor Dhall, Black Gram dhall, Coriander, Chillies, Iodised, Powdered salt, Tamarind, Palm Oil.

Online ration card system

824. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ration card system is available on the online system in the country;

(b) the names of the States where information regarding ration cards is available on the website of the State Governments; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to introduce e-governance in ration card system along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) As reported by Chhattisgarh Government, ration cards issued are available on website of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department. Information in respect of other States/UTs is not available. However, 18 States have reported that allocation of foodgrains under TPDS are displayed on website.

(c) The Government has taken up a project on Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in the country. National Institute for Smart Government (NISG), Hyderabad, has been appointed as project consultant to study existing systems and processes, design technological solutions and prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR). After approval of the project, it is proposed to be first piloted in some States and thereafter implemented in rest of the States and UTs.

Universalisation of PDS and ration card

825. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would agree to Universalise the Public Distribution System and ration card to all; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Universalisation of Targeted Public Distribution (TPDS) and issuance of ration cards to all families or persons in the country cannot be agreed to by Government. This is because the TPDS is focused on poor households *i.e.* those living below poverty line, as determined by Planning Commission. The food subsidy presently being distributed in the form of highly subsidized foodgrains is intended for the BPL (including Antyodaya Anna Yojana) families only. They are distributed foodgrains @ 35 kg. per BPL family per month.

The foodgrains distributed under TPDS are procured for the Central Pool through Minimum Support Price Operations for food crops. Through this mechanism, the quantities of foodgrains which get procured for the Central Pool vary from year to year and are able to accommodate only the presently committed requirements under the TPDS, welfare schemes and for buffer stocks.

Universal coverage of all families/persons will result in loss of focus by TPDS on the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. At the present scale of issue of foodgrains to BPL families under the TPDS and their present issue prices, the quantities of foodgrains required to be procured, stored, transported and distributed for all families and for buffer reserves would be enormous and much beyond those acquired under MSP operations. That may necessitate even a total ban on private trade in foodgrains in the country. The quantum of food subsidy required will also be too high in comparison with its present level.

Prices of essential commodities

826. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of Rice, Atta, Dal and Vegetables in the retail market on 1st August, 2004; and

(b) what are the prices of aforesaid materials in retail market on 1st August, 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Prices of Rice, Atta, Dal and Vegetables in the retail market on 1st August, 2004 and as on 1st August, 2008 is given in the Statement.